Shortage of funds for PMGSY

2149. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), a part of the Centre's Bharat Nirman designed to upgrade rural infrastructure, is set to hit a roadblock owing to funds shortage;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Finance Ministry has expressed its inability to meet the Rs. 8,000 crore gross budgetary support (GBS) demand of the rural development ministry, the nodal ministry for implementation of PMGSY in the next fiscal; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to make the funds available for implementation of PMGSY?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) For the year 2008-09, Ministry of Rural Development has proposed allocation of Rs. 15,000 crore for the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), against which outlay of Rs. 14,530 crore has been provided. This includes Rs. 7000 crore to be drawn as loan from the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) window of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

Provision of sanitation facilities for schools/anganwadi centres in the country

2150. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has promised to provide drinking water to all in the rural areas by 2012;

(b) if so, the details of their action plan; and

(c) the action plan of Government to provide sanitation facilities for all schools/anganwadi centres in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Water is a State subject and State Governments are responsible to provide drinking water to the rural areas. To supplement the efforts of the state, financial assistance is provided to the States through centrally sponsored, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The State Governments are competent to plan, sanction and implement rural water supply schemes from the funds provided under ARWSP.

Government is committed to enable the rural population to have access to safe drinking water in adequate quantity throughout the year. Accordingly, Bharat Nirman Programme with drinking water supply as one of the six components, has been launched in 2005 to be completed by March, 2009 for building rural infrastructure, under which, it is envisaged to cover 55,067 uncovered habitations, about 3.31 lakh slipped-back habitations and to address 2.17 lakh quality-affected habitations.

(c) Regarding Sanitation facilities in schools and anganwadi centres, as part of the "Total Sanitation Campaign", proposals for construction of toilets in all rural schools and anganwadi centres have been approved for 584 districts, the central share of the project cost is Rs. 8538.97 crore out of which Rs. 3076.81 crore has been already released by the